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FOLLOWING IS BIO INFO REQUESTED BY USLO PER PLATT TELECON OF
MAY 17.

1. KUO MO- JO: AGE ABOUT 80 YEARS: KUO HAS BEEN A LEADING HISTORIAN, CRITIC AND AUTHOR SINCE THE 1920' S. HE IS PRESIDENT OF THE CHINESE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES. HE SPENT MOST OF THE PERIOD FROM 1912 TO 1936 IN JAPAN, AND HAS RETAINED AN INTEREST IN JAPANESE AFFAIRS SINCE. AT PRESENT HE IS HONORARY CHAIRMAN OF THE SINO- JAPANESE FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION. HE IS ALSO A VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE PRC' S NATIONAL PEOPLE' S CONGRESS, THE TITLE UNDER WHICH HE APPEARS IN THE MORE IMPORTANT PEKING TURNOUTS. NATIONALLY HE IS RANKED JUST BELOW THE POLITBURO ALTERNATES. EARLY IN THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION HE WAS HEAVILY CRITICIZED. LAST YEAR HE PUBLISHED ARTICLES IN REF FLAG THAT WERE BASED ON HIS EARLIER WORK. KUO DID NOT JOIN THE CCP UNTIL 1958. HE IS A NATIVE OF LOSHAN, SZECHWAN.

2. PAI HSIANG- KUO, PRC MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE. PAI WAS OFFICIALLY IDENTIFIED IN HIS PRESENT TITLE IN DECEMBER 1970 AFTER APPEARING PROMINENTLY IN PEKING WITH FOREIGN VISITORS DURING THE PREVIOUS EIGHT MONTHS. HIS BACKGROUND WAS POLITI-
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CAL/ MILITARY IN KWANGTUNG PROVINCE, INCLUDING A STINT AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE PROVINCIAL REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE. SINCE BECOMING FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER, PAI HAS TRAVELED ABROAD SEVERAL TIMES AND HAS OFTEN MET WITH VISITING ECONOMIC DELEGATIONS. HE IS ABOUT 50 YEARS OLD.

3. FOREIGN MINISTRY, CONSULAR AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT. AT PRESENT THERE IS APPARENTLY NO DESIGNATED DIRECTOR OF THIS DEPARTMENT SINCE THE PREVIOUS DIRECTOR, CHANG TSAN- MING, LEFT IN FEBRUARY TO BECOME AMBASSADOR TO YEMEN.

4. KAO SHIH- KUN, " RESPONSIBLE PERSON." KAO WAS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THIS DEPARTMENT BETWEEN 1961 AND 1965, AND REAPPEARED IN JANUARY 1973 AS A " RESPONSIBLE PERSON" IN A FOREIGN MINISTRY LISTING. HE IS BELIEVED TO BE WORKING IN CONSULAR AFFAIRS, AND MAY BE THE ACTING DIRECTOR.

5. LIN YUNG- PIN. RESPONSIBLE PERSON, CONSULAR AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT. LIN IS THE DESK OFFICER IN THE CONSULAR AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN CHARGE OF ISSUING VISAS TO FOREIGN VISITORS. NO OTHER INFORMATION IS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE ON HIM.

6. PHYSICAL CULTURE AND SPORTS COMMISSION: ESTABLISHED ON 15 NOVEMBER 1952; PLACED UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE GENERAL POLITICAL DEPARTMENT OF THE PLA IN 1967; SINCE 1971 AGAIN AFFILIATED WITH THE STATE COUNCIL.

7. WANG MENG IS A MILITARY MAN WHO IN 1968 WAS SERVING AS A " RESPONSIBLE PERSON" IN HOPEH. IN SEPTEMBER 1971 HE BECAME CHAIRMAN OF THE SPORTS COMMISSION, A POSITION THAT HE HAS SINCE HELD DURING FREQUENT PUBLIC APPEARANCES IN PEKING.

8. YU PU- HSUEH, A SPORTS COMMISSION VICE CHAIRMAN, FREQUENTLY SERVES AS THE COMMISSION' S PRINCIPAL REPRESENTATIVE (AS HE DID MAY 15, WHEN HE SAW THE PRC GYMNASTS OFF FOR THE U. S.) HE IS WANG' S APPARENT NO. 2. HE CHAIRED THE PEKING- HOSTED ASIAN TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT IN SEPTEMBER 1972. WE HAVE NO BIO INFORMATION ON YU PRIOR TO HIS 1971 IDENTIFICATION WITH THE SPORTS COMMISSION.

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